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Dear Mrs Chapman

I have written an article for the "Liberty Bell" on the other half of this sheet, agreeably to an invitation from yourself, conveyed to me by Abby Kelley. It was written in great haste, & you will please make all necessary corrections, & as many alterations as you think proper. Give it such caption as you deem most suitable.

Our cause ~~is~~ is making rapid progress in this State. One half of the Ex Com. of the Ohio Soc. have resigned, & now occupy the true Disunion ground. Son'l Brooke who has great efficiency, Christian Donaldson, & Hs. S. Gilmore who is a man of wealth, & is appreciating it's to the cause of reform, constituted one half of thos Based. A letter from Abby last evening contains 67 new Subscribers, & nearly $200 in pledges, all of which were obtained at their last two meetings in the lower part of the State. She & Stephen have now gone to the meeting of the Indiana State A. S. Society. B. S. Jones & myself held meetings every week in the surrounding country, sometimes 3, 4, 5, or 6 sessions as the case may be, & attend to the paper between times. The cry for meetings comes up from every quarter, &

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the- friends not unfrequently make themselves a journey of 50 or 100 miles in order to get us to their respective places & back again. I think it would be highly inexpedient for any of us to leave this state this winter. The attention of the people is just aroused, & the way prepared for doing good.

You may keep my cloak until I have an opportunity to send for it. Please hand the note enclosed with this to H. G. Williams.

Yours affectionately

J. Elizabeth Fletcher

P.S. Should H. G. Williams forward me some books please send the cloak in the same box.